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"Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation." II Cor. 6:2

The $16 million three-year "Shaping Tomorrow" capital campaign has taken a giant step forward.

Paul Glaske, chairman of the Shaping Tomorrow campaign, has announced that the building construction portion ($4.8 million) of the $7.1 million "Solheim Recreation and Activity Center" has been funded, and ground will be broken for the building later this spring.

The Center, which includes basketball and racquetball courts, indoor swimming pool, classrooms and offices, is named in honor of the Solheim family of Phoenix, Ariz., who has given the kickoff gift toward the project. Other major donors include Gus and Margaret Davis of Las Colinas, Tex., Elliot and Louise Belcher of Brent, Ala., members of the University's Board of Trustees, and a challenge grant from the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation of Tulsa, Okla. University faculty and staff have also pledged more than $120,000 toward the Center.

With the funding in hand for the initial construction phase of the Solheim Center, efforts will focus on completing the Mabee Challenge and the remainder of the total $7.1 million project cost of the Center, as well as for the other portions of the campaign. The Shaping Tomorrow campaign goals include $2.5 million for a new Engineering Center, $1.8 million for renovation and expansion of the Science Building, $1.5 million for student aid endowment and $2.6 million for general program support.

LeTOURNEAU HOUSTON

A Different Kind of Mission Field

7:30 a.m. Bill Piernot's jacket doesn't last long. Even in the early spring it can be hot and humid in Houston. The LeTourneau Houston Education Center is air-conditioned–life in Houston could not go on without cool air–but Piernot has been moving boxes of books in from his van. He just got back last night from a monthly directors' meeting in Longview, and the main campus staff loaded him up to save on shipping charges.

Piernot directs LeTourneau's newest educational thrust, the Houston Educational Center. He's seen the Houston Center grow from an idea to nearly 500 students in just two years. "We have five classrooms here in Houston. Every one is full. And last fall we started four new classes that we have to conduct away from the center since we won't have room to have them here. They'll meet in conference rooms in a nearby hotel. We have 25 bachelor of business management classes (a 'class' is a group of 16-20 adults who work through a degree program together), three master of business administration classes

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President's Message

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At Home In Houston

In this issue, our focus is on our new Educational Center in Houston, and the programs being offered there. Among the most exciting and rewarding new programs that have ever been undertaken at LeTourneau University are those being offered by our division of Graduate, Adult and Continuing Studies. In 1989 we began a new program at LeTourneau that we call "LeTourneau Education for Adult Professionals," or "LEAP." Initially offered in Longview and Tyler, this program soon grew to include several Dallas area locations.

A quality academic experience with a strong Christian values commitment, offered at a time and place convenient to the student, proved to be something people were looking for.

As alumni and friends in the Houston area heard about our programs in Dallas, they began to ask about our opening a Houston Center. Houston is the fourth largest city in the U.S., but no similar programs were offered there. For several years we considered this option. Finally, after much research, thought and prayer, we, with Board approval, made the plunge in the fall of 1993.

Located in the heart of the bustling Galleria area in west Houston, our Center is strategically located to meet the needs of professionals who are seeking to complete their undergraduate degree or an MBA. We are told that more cars pass through the Interstate 610/Southwest Freeway interchange each day than any other single spot in all of America. Today, nearly 500 full-time students are enrolled in either the undergraduate or graduate MBA program in Houston.

In our Houston and other off-campus centers, each of our faculty and staff, whether full-time or part-time, possesses the same professional and spiritual requisites as required of all of our regular faculty and staff. The integration of our Christian faith with our academic program is accomplished largely through the efforts of our people. If one doesn't have that faith commitment, one can't share it. Therefore, a personal relationship with Christ is the first prerequisite for all of our hiring. Each class begins with a devotional time, and throughout each course we strive to integrate the principles and values of the Christian faith. One of the most exciting outcomes of our new adult programs are the personal testimonials of students. Many have come to a new and personal relationship with Christ. Others have experienced a renewed vitality in their faith as a result of their interaction with our faculty and their fellow students in the program.

The academic program is very rigorous. Because almost all these students began their college experience elsewhere, they have a solid base for comparison. The feedback we receive is, "LeTourneau is tough."

As you read about our new Houston programs, know that they are quality, Christ- centered, and consistent with our overall mission and purpose, and that they bring strength to the core program efforts we continue to foster on our home campus here in Longview.

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Nels Stjernstrom With the Lord

Nels Edwin Stjernstrom, long-time friend and associate of LeTourneau University founder R.G. LeTourneau, passed away in Tyler, Texas, Jan. 2, 1995. He was 87.

Stjernstrom's association with LeTourneau began in 1964, when Nels came to Longview to work as editor of the *NOW*. He worked closely with "Mom" and "Pop" LeTourneau, serving as R.G.'s assistant, and traveling with him on many trips. He assisted Evelyn LeTourneau in a book she wrote, "Recipes for Living," and wrote the epilogue for R.G. LeTourneau's book, "Mover of Men and Mountains," as well as a book written about LeTourneau, entitled "The Joy of Accomplishment."

Following the death of R.G. LeTourneau, Stjernstrom worked with LeTourneau College in fund-raising and public relations.

Stjernstrom's son, Jim, also worked at the University, serving as vice president for advancement until 1992.

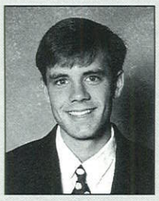
"Nels was a great inspiration to many of our students over the years. He was a lover of people," said Gerrie Forbis, administrative assistant for the vice-president of academic affairs, and one of Stjernstrom's co-workers during his years with the University.

The University has received several gifts toward a scholarship fund to be established in honor of Nels Stjernstrom. Nels invested his life into the lives of hundreds of LeTourneau students, and made a great and lasting contribution to the development of the University. The fund will remain open to new contributions for a few weeks. If you wish to participate in this memorial tribute, please send your gift today. We will appropriately notify the Stjernstrom family of your gift. Be sure to mark your check, "Nels". For additional information, please contact John Martin, director of development, at (903) 753-0231.

Associate Professor of Chemistry, Dr. Douglas Ford, and chemistry student, Angela Franzen (Gothenburg, Neb.), fine-tune the University's Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectrometer. The Spectrometer consists of a keyboard/screen console with printer, and a magnetic coil unit (not pictured) into which samples are inserted for analysis. The NMRI allows students to test any organic compound. The equipment, which cost approximately $30,000, was made possible through gifts from the Hillcrest Foundation and Mr. Tom Wilmeth.

Gordon Moore

Jeffrey Hogue



Robert Vernon

Injured Flyers Making Excellent Progress

Two aviation students and their flight instructor, who were seriously injured in a Colorado plane crash last fall, have made strong recoveries and continue to improve. The three were injured in a crash on Oct. 1, while on a training flight over the Rockies.

Jeffrey Hogue, Eugene, Ore., has completely recovered and has resumed his studies at LeTourneau University.

Chief Flight Instructor, Gordon Moore, is back at work, but on a reduced schedule. He is teaching three aviation classes this semester and hopes to be back in the cockpit in several more months.

Robert Vernon, St. Albans, W.V., was the most seriously injured of the three. The lower portion of one leg was amputated and he has been fitted for a prosthesis. He continues in physical therapy on a daily basis, and plans to return to LeTourneau this fall to finish his education.

We praise God for His protection and care over Jeff, Gordon and Rob. "Please relay how much these three appreciated all the prayers. The response from alumni and friends was incredible. We never realize just how many people care until we are faced with challenging circumstances," said Dr. Charles Hood, vice president for student affairs.

LAS Society alumni and student leadership pose in front of the new LAS house, under construction on campus. The $180,000 building will house 16 society members. It was funded through contributions from Lambda Alpha Sigma alumni and should be ready for occupancy later this spring.

Certified asbestos workers remove and package the asbestos siding on a storage building located near the gymnasium. This building and another former barracks building are being removed as part of the site development for the new Solheim Recreation and Activity Center.

First—Ever Master's Students Graduate

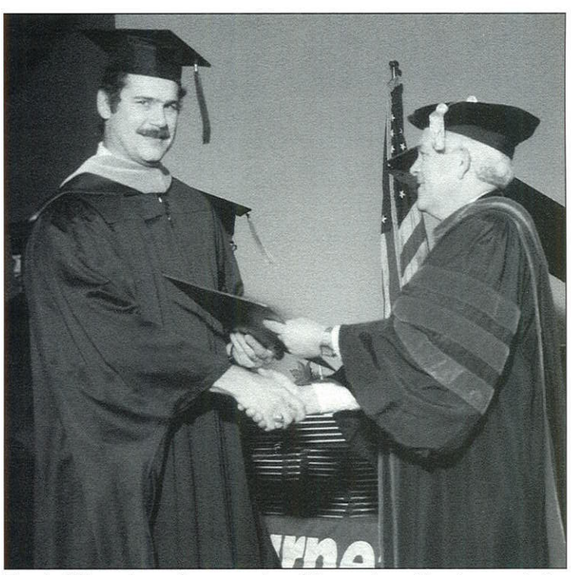
The University graduated its first-ever group of master's students in commencement ceremonies Saturday, Dec. 10 on the Longview campus.

Thirty-nine graduate students were conferred the master of business administration (M.B.A.) degree. This was the first-ever group of students to receive graduate degrees from the University, which was founded in 1946. A total of 298 students were awarded degrees, including 259 graduates who earned bachelor of arts, bachelor of science or associate of science degrees.

Dr. Richard Chewing, Chavanne Professor of Christian Ethics in Business, Baylor University, delivered the commencement address.

Those who received their master of business administration degree were: Mark N. Allen, McKinney, Texas; Donald E. Amon, Arlington, Texas; Ned H. Barkema, Grand Prairie, Texas; Pat C. Britton, Longview, Texas; Danny Glenn Brown, Grapevine, Texas; Jay Charles Davis, Bedford, Texas; DeAnna Monique DeBruin, Plano, Texas; Louis Donald Deppe, Longview, Texas; Guy L. Dugas, Hurst, Texas; Bob R. Faulkner, Carrollton, Texas; Cornelius T. Fletcher, Plano, Texas; Robert Franco, Dallas, Texas; Jon Kevin Graham, Plano, Texas; Jim Gray, Ft.Worth, Texas; Alan Richard Gregor, Richardson, Texas; LeVoy Golden Haight, Longview, Texas; Richard A. Hatcher, Coppell, Texas; Leslie J. Hillhouse, Grapevine, Texas; Charles Eric Hoag, Flower Mound, Texas; Vicky Renee Hodges, Irving, Texas; Alan Carswell Hollinshead, Pittsburg, Texas; James Richard Howard, Flower Mound, Texas; Benjamin J. Hughes, Grapevine, Texas; Stephen M. Hughes, DeSoto, Texas; Sally Ann Johnson, Longview, Texas; J. Mark Leffers, Grapevine, Texas; Connie Sue McKeever, Paradise, Texas; Travis Wayne Mileur, Longview, Texas; Van Ngoc Nguyen, Richardson, Texas; Murry K. Plunk, Godley, Texas; David Ray Raden, Kingsport, Tenn.; Peter F. Roueche, Longview, Texas; Dennis L. Setinsek, Roanoke, Texas; Lolita H. Sheffield, Irving, Texas; Cynthia Gaye Shirley, Gladewater, Texas; Stephen Daniel VanNattan, Flower Mound, Texas; Arnold Ray Vowell, Dallas, Texas; Margaret Ann Wallace, Longview, Texas; and Bobby R. Williams, Carthage, Texas.

For a complete list of all December 1994 graduates, please contact Gerrie Forbis in the office of academic affairs.



Travis Mileur, Longview, receives his master of business administration degree from President Alvin Austin. Mileur was one of thirty-nine graduate students who were awarded the first-ever master's degrees from LeTourneau.

Do You Know An Outstanding Alum?

Each year the Alumni Association selects the "Alumnus of the Year" from a group of distinguished candidates who have obtained a high level of professional accomplishment and who possess the highest standards of faith, integrity and character.

Candidates for "Alumnus of the Year" should demonstrate continuing outstanding service to their church, their community, their profession and to the University. Above all, candidates must have a strong personal faith in God.

If you know someone whom you believe matches these criteria, please consider him or her for this honor. Contact John Galiano, director of alumni relations at 1-800-259-ALUM to obtain an official application form.

These nominees may also be considered for LeTourneau University's "Distinguished Service" awards, which honor alumni who have excelled in a particular career service or volunteer capacity.

LeTOURNEAU HOUSTON

A Different Kind of Mission Field

(Different Mission Cont. from cover)

and three groups who are working on general education courses." Classes meet at night and on Saturdays to meet the needs of the students, most of whom are working full time.

Billboards are strategically placed in the Houston area to promote LeTourneau programs. The theme,"Finish What You Started," encourages those who have begun college to consider completing their degree at LeTourneau. Billboards, radio and print advertising create initial interest, but are just the beginning of a highly personal, caring relationship with the adult student.

8:00 a.m. Laura Hittler is the first of the four marketing/admissions representatives to come in. Hittler is on "phone day." Every new admissions call will be fielded by Hittler. "I'll get dozens of calls today, ranging from the most general question like 'Tell me about LeTourneau,' to the most specific, such as 'Can I enroll next Tuesday?'" Calls come in as a result of radio, print and billboard ads, and increasingly, word of mouth. One person takes these new calls so the rest of the representatives can follow-up on their own student prospect list.

9:30 a.m. Lance Noll, another marketing rep, sips from a cup of coffee and asks, "Can I tell you a real success story—something that really motivates me? I just got off the phone with Tom. I have been working with him for some time. He lost his job and decided against enrolling at LeTourneau so he could concentrate on his job search. But his search wasn't going well, and after several months he was losing his edge. I kept encouraging him that this was the perfect time to enroll. 'Tom, you need LeTourneau. You need to make changes in your life to be marketable," I told him. He started class two weeks ago and the positive changes were dramatic. That was Tom just now, calling to tell me that he just got a job offer! It is so wonderful to be in a job that blesses people!"

Lance Noll

12 Noon Monti Channon is the "veteran." She began with LeTourneau four years ago, working on the main campus while her husband completed his degree in Longview. A job offer in the Houston area for her husband beautifully coordinated with LeTourneau's need for an experienced marketing rep in the new center.

Today there will be no noon-time lunch for Channon. Eating will come later. She is meeting with a group of 11 people who have met in a corner of their corporation's lunch room to find out about LeTourneau's MBA program. As the meeting wraps up, she turns and notes: "When I first came to Houston, I wondered about how people here would receive our strong Christian stance. In our literature, in our informational sessions and in person, we stress that we are a Christian university with a distinctively Christian mission. I've discovered this is one of the things that excites people the most about LeTourneau. They're looking for a school that is not trying to separate man from his religion, but in fact, teaches that Christian ethics are the foundation of all good business."

Monti Channon

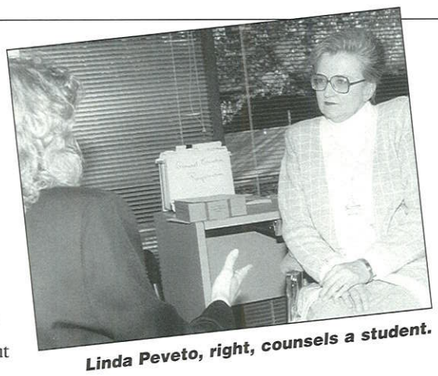
2:00 p.m. Lila Andrews breathes deeply, grins and reaches for another file. As the marketing and admissions support staff member, she is responsible for making sure all admissions files are in order before they are sent to Longview for processing. It's a big job. Adults typically have gone to several colleges before they come to LeTourneau. Some have transcripts from five or more schools. Recommendation letters, completed applications ("You'd be surprised how many people forget to sign the application!") essays and official transcripts are shipped to Longview for a decision on admission to a study program. "I may handle anywhere from 15-25 applications a week, each with many parts. But in spite of the paperwork load, I love this job! Each file is not just paperwork, it is another person who is excited about finishing his or her degree. I'm helping them fulfill a lifelong goal," Andrews says.

Lila Andrews

2:45 p.m. Cecilie O'Gara takes a few well deserved minutes off. O'Gara is director of marketing for LeTourneau in Houston. "I've got a great crew here in Houston. I'm continually impressed with the level of commitment and professionalism of my reps. And most of all, I am impressed with the sense of spiritual calling the reps, staff and faculty have. Laura Hittler, my lead rep here in Houston, said something the other day that I just have to share with you: 'I'm successful at what I'm doing because the Lord brought me here for a purpose. My purpose is to help people meet their goals, help them work through their anxieties and help them grow spiritually. Our Christian commitment is the foundation of the student's success. And when they succeed, I succeed.'" O'Gara pauses for a minute, then adds, "I think Laura has an insight as to how LeTourneau has grown from zero students two years ago to nearly 500 students now—the Lord is blessing us because we are helping people grow."

3:30 p.m. It's late in the day for some, but Linda Peveto, coordinator of student services and her secretary, Judy Hogan, are just gearing-up for the evening ahead. They'll be on hand from now until 8:30 p.m or later to work with students and make sure everything is in place for the faculty. "Our role is personalized customer service. LeTourneau is successful with adult students because the University understands their needs. We bring their textbooks and other materials directly to the classroom to eliminate busy adults having to go to the bookstore. We handle all the administrative details: class changes, absentees, test makeups—right here in the evening, so students won't have to come back during the day. We're also encouragers and 'mountains-to-molehills' reducers. We work with students to help

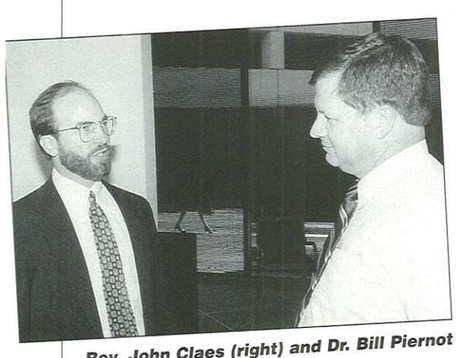
them complete their programs. We've even overnighted books to a student whose flight was canceled due to a snowstorm. But it's worth it. Students know we care and turn to us when they need help—especially spiritual help," says Linda.


Linda Peveto, right, counsels a student.

5:30 p.m. Students are already filtering into Rev. John Claes' classroom. Many come directly from work and grab a bite to eat at their table before the class begins. Claes teaches New Testament Principles, a course which examines the key tenets of the Christian faith. Unlike the main campus, where most students have made a profession of faith before coming to Longview, the average adult student may or may not be a believer. Claes estimates that perhaps 50-60 percent of the students in his classes are not Christians. "That means I have my own mission field in every course! This is a real outreach. There is tremendous potential to reach people for Christ in the business world. Most of my non-Christian students have not been in church in years—or ever. I have the opportunity to teach 28 hours of intense Bible study (four hours per night for seven weeks)," he says.

Claes goes on to note: "The Word of God has a dynamic impact on them. I've had more spiritual fruit in my LeTourneau classes than I had in all my years of ministry in the pastorate! Just in my last three classes I have seen 13 people make a profession of faith. I see LeTourneau's adult programs as a mission. I want to see LeTourneau's programs grow and prosper because it is reaching so many for Christ who would never hear," he concludes.

6:15 p.m. BUSI 4723, Quantitative Methods of Business Analysis. The class devotions that start every LeTourneau course have just ended. The devotional theme: thankfulness. The theme hits home for student Dennis Carter, a sergeant with the Houston Police Department. As he opens his statistics textbook, Carter lets his mind wander just a little bit (not too much wandering—this is statistics!) while other class members turn to the assigned problem.

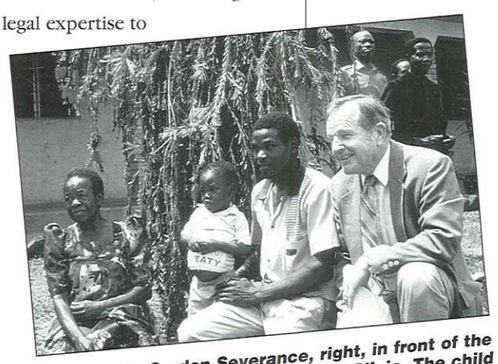

Rev. John Claes (right) and Dr. Bill Piernot

Carter remembers what it was like not too long ago. He had a couple of years of college under his belt, and wanted to complete his bachelor's degree. But work responsibilities and scheduling in the police department frustrated his goals.

The classwork is tough. With a family, a full-time job and a full-time study program, he never has any spare time. But he's thankful. LeTourneau's evening degree programs are designed for the working adult. It was the only way he could continue to work full-time, yet also move toward the completion of his degree. Carter goes to class just one night a week, and will complete his bachelor of science degree in business management in May. In the 18-month program, he will cover a rigorous academic program which includes accounting, management, economics and business law—15 courses in all—in a highly concentrated format for working adults. And already, even though graduation is still three months away, he is seeing a pay-off: an understanding of accounting and management, and the ability to communicate more effectively as a writer and face-to-face. Thankfulness. The studies are demanding; the hours long, but the benefits far outweigh the hard work. "I made the right decision," he says to himself as the prof begins a discussion on probability and standard deviations.

8:00 p.m. Dr. Gordon Severance's business law class, which began at 6 p.m., comes up for air. Students walk down the hall toward the attractive snack area, equipped with a variety of soft drinks, coffee dispensers and a snack machine. "Dr. Severance, what do you hear from Uganda?" asks one student.

Severance is in his first year with LeTourneau, but brings 40 years of business, economics and legal expertise to the University. "Contemporary Business Law and the Legal Environment," the McGraw-Hill textbook he co-wrote with three other legal scholars, is the standard business law text used in MBA courses around the country, including Harvard and the University of California-Berkeley. But Severance is more than a legal and business scholar. He is, at heart, a missionary. In 1990, under the auspices of a Fulbright fellowship, he traveled to Uganda, East Africa. There, in the country ravaged by Idi Amin, he saw the need for a medical clinic in Luwero, 30 miles north of Kampala, the nation's capital. He returned to the states, driven by the Lord to raise funds for that clinic. The clinic, now built and functioning, has already treated over 15,000 patients.


Dr. Gordon Severance, right, in front of the Luwero, Uganda Medical Clinic. The child in the middle is Gordon Kimege, the first of a number of children who have been named for Dr. Severance in appreciation for his efforts to build the clinic.

"The first baby born at the Luwero clinic was named "Gordon" in my honor. Several more have gotten my name since then. My wife jokes with me about all my Ugandan "children," but I praise the Lord that he allowed me to be an instrument for his service."

10:01 p.m. Marvin Howard may have the shortest work-to-class commute time of any LeTourneau student. Houston's LeTourneau courses begin at 6 p.m, so most students go directly from their place of employment to class . But none go a shorter distance than Howard. He is branch manager of Art Squad, a company which supplies companies with temporary graphic arts specialists, and is, coincidentally, on the same floor and in the same building as LeTourneau. Art Squad's suite is literally steps away from LeTourneau's suite of offices and classrooms.

Howard's class, like the others, ends at 10 p.m.; but before he heads home for the day, he steps back to his office to check on any late phone messages that may have come in that evening. He turns on his patented smile, which lights up his whole face. "What I need to figure now is how to get my home-to-work commute down to the same time as my work-to-school commute," he laughs.

Marvin Howard, a student in LeTourneau's BSBM (bachelor of science in business management) degree program.

10:15 p.m. The last student has left. Faculty have gathered their notes and overheads and headed toward the parking garage. The LeTourneau University Houston Center is quiet, ready for tomorrow.

Alumni Directory

The Alumni Directory is being mailed. If you have not received your copy by the end of March, or if you want to receive a copy, please call the alumni office at 1 (800) 259-ALUM.

Heritage Week

A Legacy of Faith

OCTOBER 30 TO NOVEMBER 5, 1995

Alumni Homecoming and Class Reunions

Make your plans now to attend Heritage Week '95. This is our new alumni homecoming and class reunion time. Renew old friendships, visit the campus and hear inspiring speakers. A highlight will be special reunion dinners for our honored classes of 1990, 1985, 1980, 1975, 1970, 1965, 1960, 1955, and 1950.

A flyer with additional information and a registration form will be sent to you later this summer, but we encourage you to plan now for a wonderful "homecoming."

Schedule of events:

Nov. 1, Wednesday ..... **Founder's Day Evening Service**

Nov. 2, Thursday ..... **Founder's Day Chapel; Friends and Alumni Banquet**

Nov. 3, Friday ..... **Homecoming Basketball Game and Post-game Reception**

Nov. 4, Saturday ..... **Alumni Brunch; Reunion and Alumni Dinners; Youth Activities**

Nov. 5, Sunday ..... **Homecoming Chapel in Speer Chapel**

LeTourneau University Alumni Association has launched it's worldwide Alumni Career Network. The Network is designed to match students and alumni based on career interests.

Today networking is more important than ever. What our Alumni Career Network does is provide a systematic way for you, as an alumnus, to network with hundreds of other alumni and our current students.

To find out more about how you can join the Alumni Career Network, contact John Galiano or Kendall Harper at 1(800) 259-ALUM, or write to the alumni office.

UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS

Go Kart Enduro
April 1

Frontier Week*
April 3–8

Hootenanny*
April 7

Rodeo*
April 8

**These events are no longer part of Homecoming (Homecoming will be Oct. 30 – Nov. 5) but will continue as student activities.*

AlumUpdate

50's

Bruce Lockhart (WE '51), left, W.C. Trapp (WE '52), center, and Merle Dillman (WE '51), right.

Bill Thompson (IE '62) is now a State Representative in the state of Washington for the 44th district.

David H. Hall (IE '65) recently retired from active duty in the Navy after 26 years of service.

60's

Harold (IE '61) and Jane Tice celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 9/17/94.

Larry (ET '68) and Virginia McGuire celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on 10/19/94.

Lois "McGuire" (HI '69) and Mark (ME '71) Anderson celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on 4/27/94.

Debby "McGuire" (CH '67–68) and Dan Irving celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on 9/20/94.

Judy "McGuire" (HI '69) and Jim (ME '69) Dingmon celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on 4/20/94.

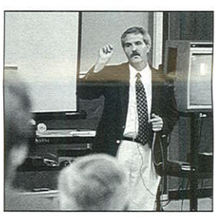
Dale Hill (WE '69)

Dale Hill (WE '69) has been selected as the East Texas Region chairman of the University's Shaping Tomorrow capital campaign.

70's

Nard (AT '73) and Sandy Pugyao are now in the Philippines serving with Summer Institute of Linguistics.

David Scobee (BU '71–73) passed away 1/22/95 after a battle with cancer. He is survived by wife, **Darrayln (EN '71–72)**, and four children.



Phil Clifford (PE '74)

Phil Clifford (PE '74) was on campus recently to present a guest lecture. He is an associate professor of anesthesiology at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Steve (PE '77) and B.J. (BI '78–83) Beacham are now on furlough from Nigeria. They are living in Longview, Tex.

Keith (MT/AT '78) and Melody Hibbard have moved to the Philippines to work with Wycliffe.

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Denis (MT '81) and Diane Sherbeck are missionaries with TEAM in Pakistan. They plan to move to Cairo, Egypt in April to continue their work in video & TV ministries.

Bradford (ET/AT '81) and Catherine Van Treuren announce the birth of Austin James. Born on 12/4/94, Austin is their first child.

James Hayes (RE '82) is now the Administrator of eleven rural libraries in the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District.

Dave (AT '83) and Hilda Fyock are thankful for their first child. Sean David was born 12/6/94.

Brian Storm (ET '83) is now a Sr. Engineer for Motorola, Cellular Division in Libertyville, Ill.

Ken (ME '84) and Kathy Carr are pleased to have Beryl Grace. She was born 10/21/94 and joins brother Jordan.

John W. Ramsay (ME '84) has been certified as a Cogeneration Professional. This certification comes from the Association of Energy Engineers.

Bob (BU/AU '84) and Anita "Irish" (ET '85) Stark have added a third boy to their family. Joshua Paul was born 11/11/94.

Howard Eliason (MT/AT '79), Bill Ewin (ET/AT '79), and Phil Kuitems (AT '84), look over plans for the LAS Society House, being built on campus this spring. The three were instrumental in the fund-raising efforts for the construction cost of the house (see a related picture on page 3)

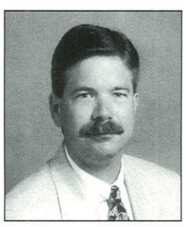
Robert Turnipseed (BU/PE '84) has been promoted to Deputy Credit Risk Officer of First Valley Bank in Bethlehem, PA.

David (AC '84) and **Therese Wilkinson** have a baby girl, Amanda Therese, born on 9/12/94. Also, David received a promotion to Senior Production Analyst with Phibro Energy USA.

Members of the 1985–88 LeTourneau Singers

Members of the 1985–88 LeTourneau Singers met for a reunion last summer at Copper Mountain Resort in Colorado.

Greg (ME '85) and **Alison Hammack** praise God for their son, Daniel Allen. Daniel was born 7/24/94.



Brian Kubik (ET '85)

Brian Kubik (ET '85) is now working for Martin Marietta in Ocala, FL. He is a Group Engineer.

Janele (EN '83–85) and **Shawn (ET '85) Parsons** have a new baby boy. Benjamin Matthew was born 10/19/94.

John (AT '85) and **Cindy Peterson** would like to introduce their second daughter to you, Joscelyn Rae, born 10/3/94.

Misty "Graff" (DT '86) and **Mark (EE '88) Gunderson** have their third boy! Nathan William was born 1/15/95.

Dan Osterhus (AT '86) hit a downdraft while flying his Cessna 185 in Ecuador. He suffered vertebrae fractures, but there was no damage to the spinal cord. Dan was in a cast for four weeks and then a brace, but he is doing well.

Bill (ET '86) and **Karen Panagotopulos** have had their first child. Erin Marie was born 1/7/95.

Cheryl (ME '86) and **Jeff (AT '90) Plitt** announce the birth of Kathryn Jill, born 9/15/94.

Kenneth (AT '87) and **Sherry "Coy" (AT '88) Eaves** are proud of Autumn Nicole. Autumn was born 11/17/94.

Gary (MT '87) and **Ingrid Rich** have a second son, Peter Nathanael, born 8/25/94.

Will (ME '87) and **Bev Worman** had their first child 9/16/94. They named her Erin Joy.

Sharon Crunk (HI '89) received her Masters degree summa cum laude at Baylor University in 8/94. She has been admitted to a doctoral program in environmental history at the University of Kansas.

William Dieterich (CST '89) has now received two Master of Arts degrees from Webster University, St. Louis, MO. One degree was in Computer Resource and Information Management and the second was in Management.

Wendy "Bradbury" (AT '89) and **Steve Paver** had a baby girl on 6/26/94. Shelby is their second child.

Alex Pollack (WE '89) received his Masters of Science Management degree in 12/94 from Florida State University.

Stanley (EE '89) and **Donna Young** are proud of their first child, Stanley Aaron, who was born 12/10/94.

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Ken (CSE '90) and **Charlene Daniels** plan to go to language school in Belgium in preparation for mission work in Niger, Africa.

Darren (MT '90) and **Rynell Snow** announce the birth of Rachel Margaret on 8/6/94.

Dean (MT/AT '90) and **Lynn Thomas** are pleased to have a second child, Troy Everett, who was born 11/27/94.

Laura (CS/MA '91) and **Dan Rose** now have a baby girl. Emily Grace was born 12/8/94. Laura is now working for Neural Tech and Dan received his Masters in Statistics from Iowa State in August 1994.

Joshua (AC '91) and **Angie "Wyatt" (MK '92) Williams** announce the birth of Bonny Kathleen, born 11/22/94.

Grace Foster (BM '92) received her MBA from East Texas State University in Texarkana in May, 1994.

Meg (90–92) and **Dave (AT '92) Trombly** announce the arrival of Brianna Naomi, born 12/8/94.

Kevin Mills (IM '93) is now an Industrial Engineer with Igloo Products in Houston, TX.

LaDonna Ferguson (BM '93) married **Michael Wilson** on 11/12/94 in Gilmer, TX.

Traci Glass (BM '94) is now a Senior Consultant with SunGard Planning Solutions in Austin, TX.

Robert (BM '94) and Michelle May want everyone to know about their daughter, Melody Hope, who was born 5/16/94.

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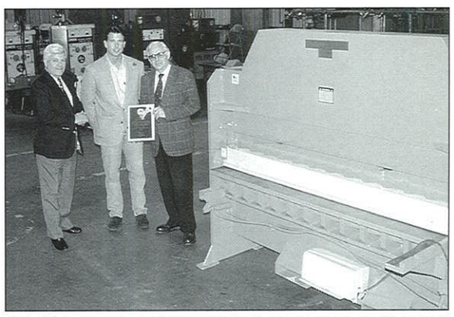

Dr. Alvin Austin and Alex Pollack present a plaque to Bill Kielhorn for the "Bill Kielhorn Plate Shear." The shear, which is valued at more than $20,000, was a gift to the University from nearly three dozen alumni and friends. Pollack spearheaded the fund raising efforts. The shear will cut sheets of metal up to 1/4" thick and will be used in the Welding Lab.

Assistant professor of welding engineering Bill Kielhorn stands beside a research quality metallograph, donated by CBI-NaCon, Houston The instrument will be used in the metallurgy department. The gift was made possible through Jim Simms, 1994 Honorary Alumnus of the Year, and alumnus Tom Landon (WE '75), both of whom work for CBI-NaCon, a division of Chicago Bridge and Iron.

Colorado alumni met in Colorado Springs in October, 1994.

Pennsylvania alumni met in Lancaster in October, 1994.

John Galiano

Relationships

In Ephesians 5:22 - 6:10, Paul talks about three basic relationships which are the foundation of our social life. God uses those relationships to bring honor and glory to Himself.

*The husband-wife relationship vividly portrays Christ's relationship to us, his church.

*The parent-child relationship is a picture of our relationship to our heavenly Father.

*The employee-employer (servant-master) relationship depicts the nature of our service to God and to others.

As Christians we are commanded to work though all these relationships depending on the power of the Holy Spirit, approaching every person as if we were face-to-face with the Lord Himself.

Satan also uses these relationships. But his goal is to divide, destroy and defeat.

My prayer is that our LeTourneau alumni will place their dependence on our Lord Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit in all these relationships. We can't do it on our own, but only by the grace of God.

KEEP IN TOUCH!

Send us news of what's happening in your life. Don't be left out.

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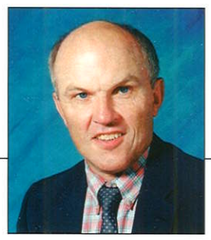

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Jacket Hoopsters Enjoying Successful Campaigns

The LeTourneau University winter sports menu has been full with exciting basketball, as both the men's and women's programs enter the home stretch with near .500 records.

The LadyJacket squad has an 11-11 record at press time and is poised to make a final run at post-season competition in their first season on the hardwood. Coach Mary Ann Otwell's squad has weathered a tough schedule and appears to have a good shot at a winning record. While experiencing some tough losses both on and off the court, the LadyJackets have accumulated some big wins, including a hard-fought victory over NCAA Division II Livingston University in early December, and a come-from-behind effort over regional rival, Ambassador University, in early February.

The young LeTourneau squad has been led by Teresa Denton, a 5'11" freshman from Texarkana, Texas, who has averaged 15.0 points per game. Denton is joined in double-figure scoring by freshman Kathy Hilton, Arlington, Texas, at 10.6 ppg. Hilton also leads the team in assists, with just over 4.5 handouts per contest.

Coach Bill Robinson has the YellowJacket squad in the hunt for a post-season berth for the first time in many years. The LeTourneau men were 9-11 at press time, having defeated Ambassador University, 104-99 in a recent outing. The Jackets earlier defeated NAIA Division I Concordia Lutheran 80-77, and played nationally-ranked The Master's College and Concordia-Irvine in an early January West Coast trip.

The YellowJackets list scoring balance as a team strength, with four players averaging in double digits. Junior guard Aaron Knaub, a Harrisburg, Penn. native, leads the squad averaging 17.7 points per game. Forward Mike Eddy, tallies 16.6 points per contest. The Denton, Texas, product also leads YellowJacket rebounders at 7.0 caroms per contest. Juan Branch, Dallas, and Paul Morgan, Tomball, Texas, follow at 12.9 and 10.1 points per game. Craig Barker, Jacksonville, Texas, hands out 4.0 assists per contest.

LadyJacket Teresa Denton, 5'10" freshman forward, goes up for a basket.

Spring Sports Look Promising

The YellowJacket baseball squad kicked off their 1995 campaign in mid-February, with aspirations for a return to post-season play seemingly very realistic. Coach Elliot Johnson has put his second LeTourneau squad through an intense off-season program, and is looking for the preparation to materialize into victories.

The Jackets will get quality upper class leadership from Senior Cary Olson, Viroqua, Wisc. Olson, who can play virtually every position on the field, will spend most of his time in the infield this year, and should carry a big stick offensively for the LeTourneau squad. Sophomore Mike Huffman, Marshall, Tex., will provide power in the middle of the lineup for the YellowJackets. Huffman has long-ball potential and can hit for average as well. Sophomore center-fielder, Mario Gallegos, San Antonio, returns and will provide speed and offense at the top of the lineup. Gallegos is also an outstanding defensive outfielder. Transfer Todd Johnson, the coach's son, will help to solidify the infield.

Pitching is critical at all levels, and the Jackets will fly as high as their pitching allows. Sophomore Clay Reagan, Kilgore, Texas, leads a mound staff that may be a little deeper than in recent campaigns. Freshman Randy Smith, Marshall, Texas, has pitched well in preseason. Junior transfer, Miles Miller, shows promise if he recovers from off-season injury. Senior Erin Higgins returns and is looking to achieve consistency on the mound his fourth season.

Pletcher Honored with Wheeler Award

Peter Pletcher

LeTourneau University's Peter Pletcher capped an outstanding cross country career by being named recipient of the Wheeler Award, given annually by the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) to a student who excels as a runner and who represents the highest ideals of the organization.

Pletcher is a two-time NCCAA All-American and placed 14th in this year's national meet. He also was named LeTourneau Scholar Athlete of the Year for the 1993-94 academic year. Peter is a mechanical engineering major from Tacoma, WA.

John Martin

Estate Planning Benefits LeTourneau Students

Mrs. Lillian Treber passed away recently in Florida, having spent several of her last quiet years as a resident of John Knox Village in Orange City. During her years of work, Mrs. Treber was a secretary. Her husband spent his career in the printing business. She was involved in her church, where she enjoyed singing in the choir. Her death seems to have marked the earthly end of a rather ordinary life.

But in God's kingdom there are no ordinary lives. As we honor Him, He uses our talents, gifts and resources in an extraordinary way.

This is very true of Lillian Treber. Several years ago she made plans to benefit LeTourneau University students, making an exceptional contribution to the success of our mission.

Mrs. Treber left a portion of her estate to LeTourneau University in a revocable living trust to be invested in our work as directed by our President and Board of Trustees. She also provided for distributions to several named family members. Consistent with Lillian's humble life, she chose not to disclose these plans to us. As a result, much about her act of kindness remains a mystery. We view this planned gift as God's provision for His work, and we are grateful for it.

A revocable living trust is an agreement that promotes continuity in the transfer of an estate. An individual changes title to his or her assets into the name of the trust. In this type of trust, the grantor retains the right to make any changes to the agreement, including the right to rescind the entire agreement. Also retained is the right to buy or sell assets and change beneficiaries.

Because her trust was revocable, we may conclude Lillian retained the comfort of knowing she could access the funds if necessary for her own financial security. She employed the trust department of a major bank to manage her account. By doing so, she gained the peace of mind of knowing that even if she could no longer make decisions for herself, she would benefit from the financial counsel and day-to-day management of the professional trustees. By using a trust in this way, she was able to make this gift of a lifetime that will continue to impact students for many years.

A revocable living trust can solve a variety of objectives. Not only is it a good financial management tool, but also a valuable instrument for providing financial assistance to loved ones and friends, as well as charitable causes you wish to support. If you'd like more information about living trusts, please contact John Martin in the Office of Planned Giving or see your own advisors.

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